PCT Collaborative Search and Examination Pilot
IP5 – Industry Consultation Group
PCT Collaborative Search and Examination (CS&E) (1)

- **Framework**: IP5 pilot project approved by IP5 Heads in 2016; to run until 2021 → CS&E Pilot Group set up to run the project (EPO lead)

- **Concept**: ISR & WO/ISA from main ISA in collaboration with "peer" ISAs

- **Aim**: high quality search, increased legal certainty early in the procedure
PCT Collaborative Search and Examination (CS&E) (2)

- **Preparatory phase**: CS&E Cooperation Framework (06.16); Operational Arrangements (06.17); now: IT, operational and communication planning

- **Operational phase**: to start by mid-2018, call for participation by Q2/18
CS&E Pilot Group (1)

- CS&E Cooperation Framework endorsed by IP5 Heads: sets the timeline of the CS&E Pilot and the mandate of the CS&E Pilot Group

- CS&E Pilot Group (IP5 + WIPO representatives) is in charge of:
  - organizing the launch of the operational phase on a solid basis
  - monitoring the pilot, reporting to IP5 & PCT relevant bodies
  - making a recommendation regarding the implementation of the new product in the PCT framework on the basis of the experience gained
CS&E Pilot Group (2)

- CS&E Pilot Group met 5 times since October 2016 and agreed on working methods, collaboration tool, and set of operational and quality indicators to be monitored. Next meeting will be on 26-27 February 2018 to finalise the preparation and agree on the launch date for the operational phase.
CS&E: Process model

Collaborative Search & Examination (CS&E)

Applicant driven

100 files per ISA over 2 years

PCT ISA checks CS&E criteria fulfilled, formalities examination, confirms acceptance

ISA Examiner (Step 1)
Carries out search, prepares provisional opinion and provisional search report

"Peer" examiners
4 other IP5 Offices
Contribution based on ISA provisional opinion and search report

ISA Examiner (Step 2)
Produces final International Search Report and Written Opinion

Evaluation
CS&E metrics will be monitored over the lifetime of the 500 applications

Product CS&E International Search and Written Opinion

Expected Benefits

Earlier information from all IP5 offices

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Your participation in the pilot will be welcome!

Information on the conditions for participation should be available in Q2 2018.

Thank you for your attention!